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SUBJ: POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO GDR

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1. POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER EMIL WOJTASZEK MADE
A QUICK, TWO-DAY VISIT TO EAST BERLIN FEBRUARY
4-5 DURING WHICH HE CONFERRED WITH HIS GDR
COLLEAGUES FOREIGN MINISTER OSKAR FISCHER AND MET
WITH GDR HEAD OF STATE HONECKER AND COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS CHAIRMAN STOPH. THE RESULTING PRESS
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COVERAGE OF THE VISIT WAS THIN ON SUBSTANCE BUT
EMPHASIZED THE BUCHAREST MEETING OF THE WARSAW PACT,
PARTICULARLY THE EASTERN PROPOSAL FOR A TREATY AMONG
MBFR PARTICIPANTS ON THE NON-FIRST USE OF ATOMIC
WEAPONS. THE EASTERN LINE THAT THE HELSINKI FINAL
ACT SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AS A WHOLE WAS ALSO STRESSED.

2. ONE SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL REFERENCE IN THE JOINT FISCHER-WOJTASZEK PRESS COMMUNIQUE AT THE END OF THE VISIT WAS THE STATEMENT THAT BOTH FOREIGN MINISTERS EMPHASIZED THAT "GROWING ATTEMPTS TO INFRINGE UPON THE FOUR-PARTY AGREEMENT ON WEST BERLIN RAISE COMPLICATIONS AND DISTURB THE PROCESS OF DETENTE".

3. WOJTASZEK'S MEETINGS WITH HONECKER AND STOPH AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS, EMPHASIZED HONECKER'S MEETING WITH GIEREK AT LANSK IN 1971 WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE PUT A NEW AURA ON GDR/POLISH RELATIONS AND HONECKER'S REFERENCE AT THE SED PARTY CONFERENCE IN MAY, 1976 TO THE "HISTORICAL CHANGE" WHICH HAS OCCURRED IN THIS BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. ACCORDING TO NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, WOJTASZEK'S MEETINGS IN EAST BERLIN TOOK PLACE IN A "CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE AND THAT THERE WAS FULL AGREEMENT ON ALL MATTERS DISCUSSED," STANDARD GDR PHRASEOLOGY IN DESCRIBING TALKS WITH BROTHER SOCIALISTS.

4. COMMENT: NO MENTION WAS MADE IN THE GDR PRESS OF THE PROTOCOLARY NATURE OF THE VISIT ALTHOUGH WOJTASZEK HAS RECENTLY TAKEN OFFICE (REFTEL), NOR OF THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH WE BELIEVE EMBASSY WARSAW RIGHTLY ASSUMED WAS ON THE AGENDA. THE MENTION OF THE FOUR POWER AGREEMENT ON BERLIN SEEMS SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL SINCE LOCAL POLISH DIPLOMATS TEND TO AVOID ANY VERY AVID SUPPORT OF THE SOVIET AND GDR POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT, AT LEAST IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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